

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority: **SOUTH CREAKES PARISH COUNCIL**
 County area (local councils are): **NORFOLK**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- **New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	37,697	39,494					Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	16,508	17,729	1,221	7.40%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	4,018	14,367	10,349	257.57%	YES		During 2022/23 and followinf an update to the Council's UMS certificate for street lighting a refund of £7,951 was received from Scottish Hydro to reflect a 13 month overpayment. During 2022/23 a VAT refund was received for 2019/20 and 2020/21 of £3,479.
4 Staff Costs	2,700	3,385	685	25.37%	YES		During 2022/23 the Local Government Pay Scales increased, following review, with effect from 1 April 2022. The Clerk's hourly rate increased from £12.39 per hour to £13.96 per hour, increasing the Clerk's annual salary by £327. In addition to this a Locum Clerk was also paid £242 to cover a period of absence.
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	16,029	25,426	9,397	58.62%	YES		During 2022/23 additional money was spent on creating shelving within the BT Kiosk to form a library (£400), cleaning of War Memorial (£575), purchase of new seat for Play Area (£741), 3 x Information Boards (£1,560), painting work to bridge, telephone kiosks, play equipment (£2,230), a donation to the Tennis Club (£500) and an additional £3,500 was spent on electricity for street lighting.
7 Balances Carried Forward	39,494	42,779			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED. EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GREATER THAN TWICE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATION/LEVIES	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	39,494	42,779				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	202,496	205,532	3,036	1.50%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable